

California Dream Act Application

California Dream Act Application for AB 540 Eligible Students July 1, 2012 --- June 30, 2013 www.CalDreamAct.org



This application is used to determine the eligibility of AB 540 students for California student financial aid for the 2012-13 school year. The California Student Aid Commission will process this application. Any aid received can only be used at eligible California institutions.

Assembly Bill (AB) 540 was passed in 2001 to allow non-resident students in California to pay the lower resident fees at California's public colleges and universities. In October 2011, AB131 was signed into law and allows students eligible for AB540 to also apply for California state financial aid like the University of California Grants, State University Grants and Board of Governor's fee waivers for the 2012-13 school year and, in addition, Cal Grants for the 2013-14 school year.

The Dream Act Application is not an application for federal financial aid. Students eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), must use that application. The FAFSA application is on-line at www.fafsa.gov. Students should not complete both applications.

Dream Act Application or FAFSA?

Carefully read the statements below **before** starting this application.

I am a United States citizen, I am a U.S. national or I am a U.S. permanent resident with an I-151, I-551, or I-551C (Permanent Resident Card).

You must submit the FAFSA

I am a person who meets all of the following conditions:

I cannot file the FAFSA, and I meet the following eligibility criteria:

- I attended at least three full years in a California public or private high school, and
- I graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the college term, for example earning a GED from the California GED Office or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), and
- If I am without lawful immigration status, I will file an affidavit with the college or university I attend stating that I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status, or will file an application as soon as I am eligible to do so.

You must file the California Dream Act Application

I am an eligible noncitizen: This definition of eligible noncitizen includes the following:

- Persons with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:
- "Refugee"
- "Asylum Granted"
- "Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending"
- "Conditional Entrant" (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
- Victims of human trafficking, T-visa holder (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.)
- "Parolee" (You must be paroled into the United States for at least one year and you must be able to provide evidence from the USCIS that you are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and that you intend to become a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.)

A person who is a Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien should also indicate they are an eligible noncitizen.

You must submit the FAFSA

Need Help?

For help with filing this application, go to www.caldreamact.org

I am a non-immigrant alien:

Non-immigrants are, as defined by federal law, are admitted to the United States temporarily and granted one of the following visas: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, TN, TD, V, TROV, and NATO.

You cannot file the Dream Act Application.

You can file the FAFSA only if you have a Social Security number but you are not eligible for federal or state student aid.

Contact the colleges you are considering to determine any financial aid for which you may be eligible.

Applying by the Deadlines

Submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2012. We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2013. Your college must have your correct, complete information by any deadline that they may have. Check with your college to determine their application deadlines and filing requirements.

For state or college aid, the deadline may be as early as January 2012. You may also need to complete additional forms. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student aid and deadlines. If you are filing close to one of these deadlines, we recommend you file online at www.caldreamact.org. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply for aid.

Mailing your Dream Application

After you complete this application, make a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records. Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 to: California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grant Operations, P.O. Box 419077, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9077. After your application is processed, the Student Aid Commission will send the results to the colleges listed on the application. If you provide an e-mail address, the Commission will be able to contact you if we need more information. If you do not provide an e-mail address, you will be mailed a paper confirmation within three weeks. If you would like to make changes to your Dream Act Application, log-in to www.caldreamact.org or call 888-224-6872.

Using Your Tax Return

If you (or your parents) need to file a 2011 income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we recommend that you complete it before filling out the Dream Act Application. If you have not completed your return yet, you can submit your Dream Application now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return. Do not miss any of your colleges deadlines.

Filling out the Dream Application

If you or your family has unusual circumstances that might affect your financial situation, such as loss of employment, complete this form to the extent you can, then submit it as instructed and consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

Instructions for citizenship questions 14 and 15, page 3

If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number, if you have one. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant;" or (4) the holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking." You are also considered an eligible noncitizen if you are a person who is considered a Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien. Residents of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau or Swain's island are also eligible noncitizens. Eligible noncitizens who have a Social Security number should file the FAFSA. See page one. If you are in the U.S. on an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or a G series visa, select "No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen." You are not eligible for California student aid; but, you should still complete the application because you may be eligible for financial aid from your college.

Information on the Selective Service

Almost all men—ages 18 through 25—must register with the Selective Service System, this includes undocumented males. Registration preserves America's ability to provide manpower to the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information about Selective Service, visit www.sss.gov.

Notes for student and parent income information pages 4 and 6

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return, a tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory (e.g., Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Swain's Island or the Northern Marianas Islands) or one of the Freely Associated States (i.e., the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia), use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all monetary units to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today. To view the daily exchange rate, go to www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current.

Notes for questions 37, page 4 and 85, page 7

Notes for those who filed a 1040EZ

In general, a person is eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes less than \$100,000, does not itemize deductions, does not receive income from his or her own business or farm and does not receive alimony. A person is not eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if he or she makes \$100,000 or more, itemizes deductions, receives income from his or her own business or farm, is self-employed, receives alimony or is required to file Schedule D for capital gains. If you filed a 1040 only to claim American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ, answer "Yes" to this question. If you filed a 1040 and were not required to file a tax return, answer "Yes" to this question.

On the 1040EZ, if a person didn't check either box on line 5, enter 01 if he or she is single, or 02 if he or she is married. If a person checked either the "you" or "spouse" box on line 5, use 1040EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,650 equals one exemption).

Notes for asset questions 41 and 42, page 4 and 89 and 90, page 7

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter 0. Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other

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securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

Investments also include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 41. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

Investments do not include the home you live in, the value of life insurance, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or cash, savings and checking accounts already reported in the previous question.

Investments also do not include UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

Investment value means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

Business value does not include the value of a small business if your family owns and controls more than 50 percent of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. For small business value, your family includes (1) persons directly related to you, such as a parent, sister or cousin, or (2) persons who are or were related to you by marriage, such as a spouse, stepparent or sister-in-law.

Investment farm value does not include the value of a family farm that you (your spouse and/or your parents) live on and operate.

Notes for question 48, page 5

Answer "**Yes**" if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.

Answer "**No**" if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.

Notes for question 49, page 5

Answer "**Yes**" (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer "**Yes**" if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2013.

Answer "**No**" (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions.

Also answer "**No**" if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2013.

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27. What is the name of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma?
Enter the complete high school name, and the city and state where the high school is located.

28. Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2012?

High School Name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	STATE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> </div>	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
High School City	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>				

29. When you begin the 2012-2013 school year, what will be your grade level?

- Never attended college and 1st year undergraduate. ☐
- Attended college before and 1st year undergraduate. ☐
- 2nd year undergraduate/sophomore ☐
- 3rd year undergraduate/junior. ☐
- 4th year undergraduate/senior ☐
- 5th year/other undergraduate. ☐
- 1st year graduate/professional ☐
- Continuing graduate/professional or beyond. ☐

30. When you begin the 2012-2013 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?

- 1st bachelor's degree. ☐
- 2nd bachelor's degree ☐
- Associate degree (occupational or technical program) ☐
- Associate degree (general education or transfer program). ☐
- Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical or education program of less than two years). ☐
- Certificate or diploma (occupational, technical or education program of two or more years) ☐
- Teaching credential (nondegree program) ☐
- Graduate or professional degree ☐
- Other/undecided. ☐

31. Are you interested in being considered for work-study?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Section B (Student)

Answer questions 32–57 about yourself (the student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married or remarried as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife).

32. For 2011, have you (the student) completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 33?

- I have completed my return. ☐
- I will file but have not yet completed my return ☐
- I'm not going to file. Skip to question 38 ☐

33. What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2011?

- IRS 1040. ☐
- IRS 1040A or 1040EZ. ☐
- A foreign tax return. **See Notes page 2** ☐
- A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State. **See Notes page 2**. ☐

34. If you have filed or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

See Notes page 2.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

For questions 35–44, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter 0. Report whole dollar amounts with no cents.

35. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2011? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.

36. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2011. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 55; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 11.

37. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2011. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, **see Notes page 2**.

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Questions 38 and 39 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2011. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

38. How much did you earn from working in 2011?

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39. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2011?

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40. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? **Don't include** student financial aid.

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41. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? **Don't include** the home you live in. Net worth means current value minus debt. **See Notes page 2.**

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42. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? **Don't include** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. **See Notes page 2.**

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43. Student's 2011 Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

- a. Education credits (American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040—line 49 or 1040A—line 31.
- b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your household, as reported in question 93.
- c. Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.
- d. Taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.
- e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. Don't include untaxed combat pay.
- f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.

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44. Student's 2011 Untaxed Income (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.)

- a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.
- b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17.
- c. Child support received for any of your children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.
- d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b.
- e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A—lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.
- f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A—lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.
- g. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.
- h. Veterans noneducational benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.
- i. Other untaxed income not reported in items 44a through 44h, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Also include the first-time home buyer tax credit from IRS Form 1040—line 67. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels.
- j. Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.

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Section C (Student):

Answer the questions in this section to determine if you will need to provide parental information. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, skip Section D and go to Section E on page 8.

45. Were you born before January 1, 1989?
46. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
47. At the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?
48. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? **See Notes page 2.**
49. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? **See Notes page 2.**
50. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013?
51. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2013?
52. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? **See Notes page 9.**
53. As determined by a court in your state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? **See Notes page 9.**
54. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? **See Notes page 9.**
55. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? **See Notes page 9.**
56. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? **See Notes page 9.**
57. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? **See Notes page 9.**

Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
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If you (the student) answered "No" to every question in Section Three, go to Section D.
If you answered "Yes" to any question in Section C, skip Section Four and go to Section E on page 8.
If you believe that you are unable to provide parental information, see Notes page 9.

Section D (Parent): Complete this step if you (the student) answered "No" to all questions in Section C.

Answer all the questions in Section D even if you do not live with your parents. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts and uncles are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them. If your parent is single, widowed, divorced, separated or remarried, see the Notes on page 9 for additional instructions.

58. What is your parents' marital status as of today?		59. Month and year they were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed.	MONTH	YEAR
I am single <input type="radio"/>	I am separated <input type="radio"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
I am married/remarried <input type="radio"/>	I am divorced or widowed <input type="radio"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

What are the Social Security Numbers, names and dates of birth of the parents reporting information on this form?

If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, you must enter 000-00-0000. If the name includes a suffix, such as Jr. or III, include a space between the last name and suffix. Enter two digits for each day and month (for example, for May 31, 1970, enter 05 31 1970).

60. FATHER'S/STEPFATHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	61. FATHER'S/STEPFATHER'S LAST NAME, AND	62. FIRST INITIAL	63. FATHER'S/STEPFATHER'S DATE OF BIRTH
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
64. MOTHER'S/STEPMOTHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	65. MOTHER'S/STEPMOTHER'S LAST NAME, AND	66. FIRST INITIAL	67. MOTHER'S/STEPMOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

68. Your parents' e-mail address. If you provide your parents' e-mail address, we can contact them if we need more information. This e-mail address will be shared with the colleges listed on your FAFSA to allow them to communicate electronically with your parents.

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69. In what state do your parents live?	STATE	70. Did your parents' start living in this state before January 1, 2007?	YES <input type="radio"/>	71. If the answer to question 70 is "No," give the month and year they began living in the state for the parent who has lived in the state the longest.	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>			<input type="text"/>

72. How many people are in your parents' household? Include: • yourself, even if you don't live with your parents, • your parents, • your parents' other children if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, or (b) the children could answer "No" to every question in Section C on page 5 of this form, and • other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.	<input type="text"/>
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73. How many people in your parents' household (from question 72) will be college students between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2012-2013, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.	<input type="text"/>
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In 2010 or 2011, did you, your parents or anyone in your parents' household (from question 72) receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed? Mark all the programs that apply. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or for these other programs. Food Stamps and/or TANF may have a different name in your parents' state. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID to find out the name of the state's program.

74. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) <input type="radio"/>	75. Food Stamps <input type="radio"/>	76. Free or Reduced Price Lunch <input type="radio"/>	77. CalWorks (TANF) <input type="radio"/>	78. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) <input type="radio"/>
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79. For 2011, have your parents completed an IRS income tax return or another tax return listed in question 80?	80. What income tax return did your parents file or will they file for 2011?
My parents have completed their return <input type="radio"/>	IRS 1040. <input type="radio"/>
My parents will file but have not yet completed their return ... <input type="radio"/>	IRS 1040A or 1040EZ. <input type="radio"/>
My parents are not going to file. Skip to question 86. <input type="radio"/>	A foreign tax return. See Notes page 2 <input type="radio"/>
	A tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or Freely Associated State. See Notes page 2 <input type="radio"/>

81. If your parents have filed or will file a 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ? See Notes page 2.	Yes <input type="radio"/>	82. As of today, is either of your parents a dislocated worker? See Notes page 9.	Yes <input type="radio"/>
	No <input type="radio"/>		No <input type="radio"/>
	Don't know <input type="radio"/>		Don't know <input type="radio"/>

For questions 83–92, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply, enter 0. Report whole dollar amounts with no cents.

83. What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2011? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. If your parents will not file a tax return, skip questions 83, 84 and 85.

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84. Enter your parents' income tax for 2011. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 55; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 11.

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85. Enter your parents' exemptions for 2011. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d.

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For Form 1040EZ, see Notes page 2.

Questions 86 and 87 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2011. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

86. How much did your father/stepfather earn from working in 2011?

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87. How much did your mother/stepmother earn from working in 2011?

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88. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts?

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89. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? Don't include the home in which your parents live. Net worth means current value minus debt. See Notes page 2.

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90. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? Don't include farms or family businesses with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees. See Notes page 2.

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91. Parents' 2011 Additional Financial Information (Enter the amounts for your parent[s].)

a. Education credits (American Opportunity, Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040—line 49 or 1040A—line 31.

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b. Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your parents' household, as reported in question 72.

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c. Your parents' taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.

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d. Your parents' taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your parents' adjusted gross income. Includes Ameri-Corps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

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e. Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your parents' adjusted gross income. Do not enter untaxed combat pay.

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f. Earnings from work under a cooperative education program offered by a college.

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92. Parents' 2011 Untaxed Income (Enter the amounts for your parent[s].)

a. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.

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b. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040—line 28 + line 32 or 1040A—line 17.

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c. Child support received for any of your parents' children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.

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d. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040—line 8b or 1040A—line 8b.

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e. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040—lines (15a minus 15b) or 1040A—lines (11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.

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f. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040—lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A—lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.

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g. Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

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h. Veterans noneducational benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

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i. Other untaxed income not reported in items 92a through 92h, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Also include the first time homebuyer tax credit from IRS Form 1040—line 67. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits

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Section E (Student): Complete this step only if you (the student) answered "Yes" to any questions in Section C.

93. How many people are in your household?

Include:

- yourself (spouse)
- your children if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2012 and June 30, and
- other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

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94. How many people in your (and your spouse's) household (from question 93) will be college students between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013? Always count yourself as a college student. You may include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2012-2013, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

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In 2010 or 2011, did you (or your spouse) or anyone in your household (from question 93) receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed?

Mark all the programs that apply. Answering these questions will not reduce your eligibility for student aid or for these other programs. Food Stamps and/or TANF may have a different name in your parents' state. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID to find out the name of the state's program.

95. Supplemental
Security
Income (SSI)

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96. Food
Stamps

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97. Free or
Reduced
Price Lunch

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98. CalWorks
(TANF)

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99. Special Supplemental
Nutrition Program for Women,
Infants and Children (WIC)

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Section F (Student): Indicate which colleges you want to receive your Dream Application information.

Enter the six-digit federal school code and your housing plans. You can find the school codes at www.fafsa.gov or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID. If you cannot get the code, write in the complete name, address, city and state of the college. For state aid, you may wish to list your preferred college first. To find out how to have more colleges receive your Dream Act Application information, read Why fill out the Dream Act Application? on page 10.

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Section G (Student and Parent): Read, sign and date.

If you are the student, by signing this application you certify that you (1) will use state student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education, (2) are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (3) do not owe money back on a federal or state student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, (4) will notify your college if you default on a federal student loan and (5) will not receive a Cal Grant from more than one college for the same period of time.

If you are the parent or the student, by signing this application you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Also, you certify that you understand that the **California Attorney General has the authority to verify information reported on this application with the Franchise Tax Board and other state or federal agencies.** If you sign any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a personal identification number (PIN), you certify that you are the person identified by the PIN and have not disclosed that PIN to anyone else. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

If you or your family paid a fee for someone to fill out this form or to advise you on how to fill it out, that person must complete this part.

Preparer's name, firm and address

104. Preparer's Social Security Number (or 105)

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105. Preparer's Employee ID Number (or 104)

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106. Preparer's Signature and Date

102. Date this form was completed.

MONTH

DAY

2012 ☐ OR 2013 ☐

103. Student (Sign below)

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A parent with information listed in Section D must sign below.)

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Notes for question 52 (page 5)

Answer **“Yes”** if at any time since you turned age 13:

- You had no living parent (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

The financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.

Notes for questions 53 and 54 (page 5)

Answer **“Yes”** if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer **“Yes”** if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.

Answer **“No”** if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that you were an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship.

Notes for questions 55–57 (page 5)

Answer **“Yes”** if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2011, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or, for question 57, at risk of being homeless.

- **“Homeless”** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels or cars, or are temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.
- **“Unaccompanied”** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- **“Youth”** means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.

Answer **“No”** if you are not homeless or at risk of being homeless, or do not have a determination. You should contact your financial aid office for assistance if you do not have a determination but believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless. The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide a copy of the determination if you answered **“Yes”** to any of these questions.

Notes for students unable to provide parental information on pages 6 and 7

Under very limited circumstances (for example, your parents are incarcerated; you have left home due to an abusive family environment; or you do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them), you may be able to submit your Dream Application without parental information. **If you are unable to provide parental information**, skip Sections D and E, and go to Section F. Once you submit your Dream Application without parental data, you must follow up with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend, in order to complete your Dream Application.

For Help — www.caldreamact.org or 888-224-7268

Notes for Step Four, questions 58–92 (pages 6 and 7)

Additional instructions about who is considered a parent on this form:

- If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent.
- If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer

Notes for questions 82 (page 6) and 100 (page 8)

In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:

- is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
- has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
- was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster; or
- is a displaced homemaker. A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the husband or wife, is unemployed or underemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment.

If a person quits work, generally he or she is not considered a dislocated worker even if, for example, the person is receiving unemployment benefits.

Answer **“Yes”** to question 82 if your parent is a dislocated worker.

Answer **“Yes”** to question 100 if you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer **“No”** to question 82 if your parent is not a dislocated worker.

Answer **“No”** to question 100 if neither you nor your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer **“Don’t know”** to question 82 if you are not sure whether your parent is a dislocated worker. Answer **“Don’t know”** to question 100 if you are not sure whether you or your spouse are dislocated workers. You can contact your financial aid office for assistance in answering these questions.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that your parent is a dislocated worker, if you answered **“Yes”** to question 82, or that you or your spouse is a dislocated worker, if you answered **“Yes”** to question 100.

Why fill out a Dream Act Application?

The Dream Act Application is a significant step in the financial aid process. You use the Dream Act Application to apply for California state financial aid, such as UC Grants, State University Grants, Board of Governors Fee Waivers and Cal Grants. In addition, many colleges use information from the Dream Act Application to award private scholarships.

Why all the questions?

The questions on the Dream Act Application are required to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC measures your family's financial strength and is used to determine your financial eligibility. The colleges you list may also use some of your responses. They will determine if you may be eligible for school or state aid.

How do I find out what my Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is?

Your EFC will be sent to the colleges listed on your application. The colleges will use the information to determine your eligibility for their financial aid programs. It is important to follow up with your colleges to make sure all of your information is correct and complete and to ask if they need any further information from you.

How much aid will I receive?

Using the information on your Dream Act Application and your EFC, the financial aid office at your college will determine the amount of aid you will receive. The college will use your EFC to prepare a financial aid package to help you meet your financial need. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and your college's cost of attendance (which can include living expenses), as determined by the college. If you or your family have unusual circumstances that should be taken into account, contact your college's financial aid office. Some examples of unusual circumstances are: unusual medical or dental expenses or a large change in income from last year to this year.

When will I receive the aid?

Any financial aid you are eligible to receive will be paid to you through your college. Typically, your college will first use the aid to pay tuition, fees and room and board (if provided by the college). Any remaining aid is paid to you for your other educational expenses.

How can I have more colleges receive my Dream Application information?

Your Dream Application record can only list up to ten school codes. If there are ten school codes on your record, any new school codes that you add will replace one or more of the school codes listed. Go to www.caldreamact.org to add more colleges.

If you are completing a paper Dream Application, you can only list four colleges in Section F. You may add more colleges by calling 888-224-7268 and talking to a CSAC customer service representative, who can add more school codes for you.

Where can I receive more information on student aid?

The best place for information about student financial aid is the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The financial aid administrator can tell you about student aid available from your state, the college itself and other sources.

- You can also visit our web site www.caldreamact.org
- For phone information call our Customer Relations Center at 888-224-7268.
- You can also check with your high school counselor or your local library's reference section.

Information about other assistance may be available from foundations, religious organizations, community organizations and civic groups, as well as organizations related to your field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Also, check at www.e4fc.org, www.maldef.org and www.latinocollegedollars.org.

Check with your parents' employers or unions to see if they award scholarships or have tuition payment plans.

Information on the Privacy Act

Your college will use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive California state student financial aid. The colleges on this form may also use the information to determine your eligibility for private grants and scholarships. Therefore, we will disclose the information that you provide on this form to each institution you list in questions 101a - 101h.

Without your consent, we may disclose information that you provide to entities under a published "routine use." Under such a routine use, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist us in administering the above programs; to other state agencies under computer matching programs, such as those with the Franchise Tax Board; to your parents or spouse; and to members of the California State Legislature if you ask them to help you with student aid questions.

State Certification

By submitting this application, you are giving the California Student Aid Commission and any college you have listed permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

We may request additional information from you to process your application more efficiently. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.